

line 7, after "of" (first occurrence) insert
--a--;

line 8, after "the" (second occurrence) delete
"charge and discharge" and insert --charging and
discharging--;

line 9, after "As" delete "the" and insert
--a--;

line 10, after "and" delete "a" and insert
--the--, and after "ratio" delete "in" and insert --of--;

line 14, after "embodiment" delete "is" and
insert --are--;

line 17, after "and" (first occurrence) delete
"an"; and

line 20, after "which" insert --the--.

REMARKS

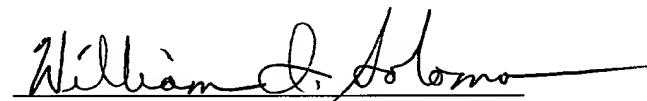
Applicants have amended their specification in light of the history of prior application Serial No. 08/630,501, filed April 10, 1996 (including amendments made to the specification therein in the Preliminary Amendment filed June 28, 1996, and Amendment filed December 12, 1997), and in order to refer to prior application Serial No. 08/630,501 so as to satisfy the requirements of 35 USC 120. It is respectfully submitted that these amendments to the specification do not add new matter to the application.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present amendments, and examination of the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 503.34465VC3) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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